It is also proposed to provide that in no case will an under trial prisoner be detained beyond the maximum period of imprisonment for which he can be convicted for the alleged offence.

(ii)The Central Government have also sanctioned a scheme of setting up 1734 Fast Track Courts for disposing off long pending cases involved under trials on priority.

(iii) The Chief Justice of India, wrote a letter on the 29th November, 1999 to all the Chief Justices of the High Courts suggesting that every Chief Metropolitan Magistrate or the Chief Judicial Magistrate of the area, in which a District jails falls may hold his court once or twice in a month in the jail to take up the cases of those under trial prisoners who are involved in petty offences.

Women commando force in NSG

2194. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a women commando force in the National Security Guard;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Government have agreed to induction of women personnel on deputation for some kinds of duties in NSG.

Rajiv-Longowal accord

2195. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether as provided in clause 7 of Rajiv-Longowal Accord, Chandigarh was to be transferred to Pubjab with effect from 26th January, 1986, what steps the Centre proposes to take to implement it since the accord was arrived at the initiative of the Centre; and

(b) if the issue is to be decided between the wrangling two States, what steps has the Centre taken to bring them together?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) and (b) The Central Government would like the States concered to sort out their differences over the matter amicably and would be willing to help in the matter.

Freedom Fighters' pension in Andhra Pradesh

2196. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of cases pending the grant of freedom fighters' pension from Andhra Pradesh as on 31st December, 2002 and since when these are pending;

(b) the action taken by Government to expedite these cases; and

(c) by when all these cases are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK): (a) No cases complete in all respects eligible for Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension duly verified and recommended by the Government of Andhra Pradesh are pending in the Ministry except 3568 cases relating to Hyderabad Liberation Movement, as on 31.12.2002. Government of India had constituted a Special Screening Committee to scrutinize the claims for Samman Pension on the grounds of participation in border camps during Hyderabad Liberation Movement. Since some complaints were received about the cases recommended by the Committee, all these cases were referred to the concerned State Government of Anhdra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra for verification of claims. Reports from State Governments are being received in batches.

(b) Till 31.12.2002, 3581 reports from these State Governments including 3568 reports from the Government of Andhra Pradesh have been received and these are being processed expeditiously for appropriate decision.

(c) While all efforts are being made to dispose of these cases as early as possible no time frame can be indicated.